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Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 10, 1970, inquiring about a statement made by [REDACTED] at the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

Specifically, I am not aware of publication through any of the media of a story resembling that reportedly given by [REDACTED]. So far as I can determine, we have not been told that such a story was circulating. We are, of course, aware that all sorts of speculation and conjecture appear one place or another about alleged activities of this Agency. Experience has led us to respond to inquiries in connection with such stories with "no comment." However, I would like to thank you for bringing this particular allegation to our attention.

Sincerely,

cc: Asst to DCI-Mr. Goodwin s/
ER w/basic via O/DCI Lawrence R. Houston
✓Legislative Counsel General Counsel
General Counsel

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10 May 1970

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Mr. Richard Helms, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The following is a second hand account of a statement made at a Convocation in the Greek Theatre on Wednesday 6 May 1970 at the Berkeley campus of the University of California. I would appreciate a representative of your organization responding to my inquiry regarding a possible source for the statement. Has any public utterance been made through the media or has your organization been appraised of the circulation of the following story:

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According to a freshman attending the Convocation, [REDACTED] offered as fact that the C.I.A. sponsored two distinct groups in Cambodia. One was in contact with Prince Sihanouk and one was in contact with his adversary. (I presume General Lon Nol?) The groups were to act as influences of some kind, but I didn't understand exactly what. Anyway neither group knew about the other. Whatever each group was doing apparently worked at cross purpose. And the point of the story is that eventually a policy decision of national import evolved, because of some influence or perhaps mix up

caused by the ubiquitous C.I.A.

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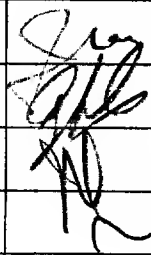
I am writing [REDACTED] to ask him the source of his story as well as asking my Congressmen for their opinions on the validity of these kinds of stories about the C.I.A. If it is not true, would a statement to that effect be possible. If there is some truth to the story, could the source of the revelation be available for further elucidation. If security prohibits any response to my inquiry, would a statement to that effect be possible?

Respectfully,

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